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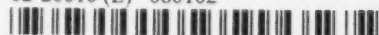
Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2002 and 2003

Note by the Secretary-General

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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2002 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2003 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2001/299)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2002

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session) (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on further simplification and harmonization of procedures (General Assembly resolution 56/201, sect. VI)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2001/299)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the further progress in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)¹

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolutions 1997/61 and 2001/21, para. 7, and General Assembly resolution 56/211)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the global campaign for poverty eradication (Council resolution 2001/42, para. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the Council on the integrated and coordinated conference follow-up, in particular the views expressed by functional commissions (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

- (a) **Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Council decision 2001/320, para. (a), and General Assembly resolution 56/227)**

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

- (a) **Reports of coordination bodies**

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2001

Comprehensive report on the reform of the machinery of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (Council decision 2001/321)

¹ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005**Documentation**

Relevant chapters of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on improving United Nations informatics systems (Council resolution 2001/24, para. 5)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)¹

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2001/25)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2001/41, para. 1)**8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B****Documentation**

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Relevant part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council decision 2001/304)

Note by the Secretary-General on the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions (Council resolution 1999/51)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 56/111)¹

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2001/28, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/28 (para. 18)

10. Regional cooperation -

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2002

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2001

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2001

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/19 (para. 8)¹

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2000/227)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including:

- Recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

- Progress report of the Committee on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 1)
- Report on the criteria the Committee proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003 (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 6)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)¹

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2001/230)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2001/22, para. 4)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)¹

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fifth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decisions 1995/209 and 2001/231)

(g) Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolutions 53/201 and 56/213)¹

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its tenth meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV), Council decision 2000/232 and oral decision taken by the Council at its resumed substantive session of 2001, on 20 December 2001)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its second session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2001/293)¹

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/303) on the implementation of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (General Assembly resolution 56/87, para. 8)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/40 on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 56/125, para. 6)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132)

(b) Social development**Documentation**

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fortieth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2001/235)

Report of the Secretary-General on further developments concerning the question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the International Labour Organization Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) (Council resolution 2001/20, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on an international plan of action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (General Assembly resolution 56/116, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 56/113)¹

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)¹

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2001/240) (including recommendations regarding the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders) (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 6)¹

(d) Narcotic drugs**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fifth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2001/241)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**Documentation**

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

Oral report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 56/135, para. 31)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91, para. 16, and 55/84, para. 24)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)¹

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its first annual session (Council resolution 2000/22, para. 5, and Council decision 2001/316)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2003 and list of documents for each agenda item²

Substantive session of 2003

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2003

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

² It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2002.

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)¹

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Coordination, programme and other questions

Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004-2005

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

Proposed programme budget**Documentation**

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS)**Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2001/23, para. 5)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2001/41, para. 1)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations****Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))¹

Regional cooperation**Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2001/29, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and Council decision 1982/174)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations**Documentation**

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including the final report on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 1)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, para. 7 (a) (v))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)¹

Women in development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women

Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLII) and Council decision 2000/231)

Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decision 1995/209)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Energy and natural resources for development**Documentation**

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its third session (Council resolution 1998/46, annex I, and Council decision 1999/276)

Transport of dangerous goods**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7, 1999/65 and 2001/ __ (E/2001/L.52))

Environment**Documentation**

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))¹

Human settlements**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its nineteenth session (General Assembly resolution 32/162)¹

Social and human rights questions***Advancement of women*****Documentation**

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)¹

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development**Documentation**

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 56/115, para. 16)¹

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rule, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 8)³

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

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Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91, para. 16, and 55/84, para. 24)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)¹

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)¹

³ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)¹

Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council resolution 2001/39, para. 6)

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Council resolution 2000/22, para. 5, and Council decision 2001/316)
